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Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on September 11, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.